

## Jesus in His own words #5: The Healer Luke 4:16-21

**Objectives:** We want to see Jesus' power and intention to change lives, both physically and spiritually. We want to find comfort in His compassion for all people. We want to encourage one another to move toward Jesus for freedom and healing.

### Launch

The Bible tells us that Jesus has always existed as God. The Bible teaches that Jesus is the one who created everything and everyone (Colossians 1). Yet, when he came to earth he chose to live an ordinary life in an ordinary village in Palestine, which was under oppressive Roman rule. He could have been born in a royal family or a wealthy family. **Why do you think Jesus chose to be born in a poor, marginalized, "normal" family/community?**

For the past few weeks we have been seeking to answer the question: "who is Jesus?" We are purposefully using passages where Jesus uses his own words to teach us who He is. In tonight's passage Jesus is in his local synagogue in his poor, ordinary village.

### Explore

Read Luke 4:16-21

- **What types of people does then passage say Jesus came for?** (poor, captives, blind and oppressed)
- **Using your own words, who did Jesus come to help? In other words, what do these 4 types of people have in common?**(people who needed help and knew they needed help)
- *I have a short video that will help us understand these 4 types of people.*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0k4GbvZUPuo&t=11s> Start video at 1:56 end at 2:55.
- **How does this insight help us understand the people Jesus came for? How does the video help us understand this passage better?**
- **Jesus came to help the "poor," the "captive," the "blind," and the "oppressed." What are ways today in which people today are poor, captive, blind or oppressed?**
- **How does it make you feel that Jesus came specifically for the broken and marginalized people of society?**
- **How is what Jesus came to do "good news" to you?**

Most Bible scholars think "the year of the Lord's favor" refers to the Year of Jubilee. Which was a time when debts were forgiven, servants were freed,

and wrongs were made right. It had come to mean the time when God's Messiah would come to make things right for His people.

**In light of this, what do you think Jesus was claiming in vs21?** (They would have thought he was claiming to be the Messiah since Isaiah 61 was a passage describing the Messiah. The Messiah was God's anointed or chosen one sent to rescue his people and usher in the year of the Lord's favor).

**Let's briefly take a look at his original passage in Isaiah.**

Read Isaiah 61:1-2

- **What do you observe between Luke's account and Isaiah?** (Jesus stops in the middle of a verse.)
- **Why do you think he stopped there?** (the prophesied Messiah was to come to offer salvation and blessing as well as judgment. Jesus stopped here because he wants to emphasize that his first coming was to bring blessing, freedom and salvation to all who receive it. For those who do not receive it he will bring judgment and vengeance at his second coming. This means that we are currently living in the time of the Lord's favor. We are living in a time where people can willingly repent and receive the good news Jesus offers.)

**Apply (you need at least 15 minutes!)**

- **In what ways do you/have you seen yourself as poor, blind, captive, or oppressed? What does it look like in your life?**
- **What is one way you have experienced the Good News he came to proclaim?**
- **How did it happen for you?**
- **How can you help others experience the Good News Jesus came to proclaim?**

Pray in groups

**Announcements (5 minutes)**